

(1) a needs and resources assessment concerning early learning services and a statement describing how early learning programs will be funded consistent with the assessment;

(2) a statement of how the Local Council will ensure that early learning programs will meet the performance goals reported by the Lead State Agency under this part; and

(3) a description of how the Local Council will form collaboratives among local youth, social service, and educational providers to maximize resources and concentrate efforts on areas of greatest need.

#### SEC. 11414. LOCAL ADMINISTRATION.

##### (a) LOCAL COUNCIL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to receive funds under this part, a local government entity, Indian tribe, Regional Corporation, or Native Hawaiian entity, as appropriate, shall establish or designate a Local Council, which shall be composed of—

(A) representatives of local agencies directly affected by early learning programs assisted under this part;

(B) parents;

(C) other individuals concerned with early learning issues in the locality, such as representative entities providing elementary education, child care resource and referral services, early learning opportunities, child care, and health services; and

(D) other key community leaders.

(2) DESIGNATING EXISTING ENTITY.—If a local government entity, Indian tribe, Regional Corporation, or Native Hawaiian entity has, before the date of enactment of the Early Learning Opportunities Act, a Local Council or a regional entity that is comparable to the Local Council described in paragraph (1), the entity, tribe or corporation may designate the council or entity as a Local Council under this part, and shall be considered to have established a Local Council in compliance with this subsection.

(3) FUNCTIONS.—The Local Council shall be responsible for preparing and submitting the application described in section 11413.

##### (b) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Not more than 3 percent of the funds received by a Local Council under this part shall be used to pay for the administrative costs of the Local Council in carrying out this part.

(2) FISCAL AGENT.—A Local Council may designate any entity, with a demonstrated capacity for administering grants, that is affected by, or concerned with, early learning issues, including the State, to serve as fiscal agent for the administration of grant funds received by the Local Council under this part.

#### USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR BIKE RODEO

##### McCONNELL AMENDMENT NO. 3140

Mr. BROWNBAC (for Mr. McCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 314) authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit; as follows:

On page 3, line 9, after "sales," insert "advertisements,".

#### USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR THE GREATER WASHINGTON SOAP BOX DERBY

##### McCONNELL AMENDMENT NO. 3141

Mr. BROWNBAC (for Mr. McCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 277) authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; as follows:

On page 3, line 10, after "sales," insert "advertisements,".

#### CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR REGULATORY INFORMATION ACT OF 1999

##### LEVIN AMENDMENT NO. 3142

Mr. BROWNBAC (for Mr. LEVIN) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1198) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for a report by the General Accounting Office to Congress on agency regulatory actions, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 7, strike lines 15 through 19 and insert the following:

(1) REQUEST FOR REVIEW.—When an agency publishes an economically significant rule, a chairman or ranking member of a committee of jurisdiction of either House of Congress may request the Comptroller General of the United States to review the rule.

#### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ACT

##### DOMENICI AMENDMENT NO. 3143

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DOMENICI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 2, supra; as follows:

On page 478, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

##### SEC. 542. CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Section 5402 (as transferred and so redesignated by section 541) is amended by adding at the end the following

"(g) ELIGIBILITY OF CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this part, a charter school district—

"(A) in the case of a State that elects not to participate in the program under this part or does not have an application approved under section 5403, may be an eligible applicant under subsection (b); or

"(A) shall be eligible to receive a subgrant under section 5404(f)(1).

"(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term 'charter school district' means a school district that—

"(A) has been designated under a specific State statute as a charter school district; and

"(B) meets other requirements determined appropriate by the Secretary to further the purposes of this part."

#### DOMENICI (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 3144

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DOMENICI (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CLELAND, and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 2, supra; as follows:

On page 490, strike lines 14 through 17 and insert the following:

"(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

"(1) PARTNERSHIPS IN CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out programs described in section 5702 with funds provided under this section, \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.

"(2) OTHER PROGRAMS, PROJECTS, AND ACTIVITIES.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out other programs, projects, and activities described in this part (other than programs described in section 5702) with funds provided under this section, \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.

On page 501, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"(h) AMOUNT OF GRANTS FOR STATE EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall make grants under this section in amounts of not less than \$500,000 to State educational agencies in partnerships described in subsection (a)(2) that submit applications under subsection (b) that meet such requirements as the Secretary may establish under this section.

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a meeting to mark up S. 1594, Community Development and Venture Capital Act of 1999, and other pending matters. The markup will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2000, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in room 428A Russell Senate Office Building.

For further information, please contact Paul Cooksey at 224-5175.

##### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Mr. BOND. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Small Business will hold a hearing entitled "IRS Restructuring: A New Era for Small Business." The hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2000, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The hearing will be broadcast live over the Internet from our homepage address: <http://www.senate.gov/sbc>

For further information, please contact Mark Warren at 224-5175.

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the full Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2000, in executive session, to mark up the FY 2001 Defense authorization bill.